

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE**

Thursday, May 13, 2021

9:00 AM

Betty King Committee Room

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Nathan Johnson

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Brandon Creighton

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 14 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that HB 14 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1213 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Huffman moved that HB 1213 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1013 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Huffman moved that HB 1013 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1372 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Huffman moved that HB 1372 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4344 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Huffman moved that HB 4344 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 766 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Huffman moved that HB 766 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1675 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that HB 1675 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1741.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1741 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Johnson submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting nay for SB 1741.

At 11:04 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:45 PM Senator Hinojosa reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 1005 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1005 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1540 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Huffman moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Huffman moved that HB 1540 do not pass but that CSHB 1540 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Huffman moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSHB 1540.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1005. Senator Huffman moved that HB 1005 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Huffman moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for HB 1005.

The chair laid out HB 20 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Huffman moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that HB 20 do not pass but that CSHB 20 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Huffman moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSHB 20.

At 5:18 PM Senator Huffman assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1296 and recognized Senator Nathan Johnson, in the absence of the Senate sponsor Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that HB 1296 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for HB 1296.

The chair laid out HB 1297 and recognized Senator Nathan Johnson, in the absence of the Senate sponsor Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that HB 1297 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for HB 1297.

The chair laid out HB 3394 and recognized Senator Nathan Johnson, in the absence of the Senate sponsor Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that HB 3394 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for HB 3394.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 766. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 766 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for HB 766.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1013. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1013 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for HB 1013.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1213. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1213 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for HB 1213.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1372. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1372 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for HB 1372.

There being no further business, at 5:30 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

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Koy Kunkel, Clerk